

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (CANCELED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for shipping a vehicle shield device, the method comprising steps of:

providing a vehicle shield device comprising:

(a) hood protector region constructed for extending across at least a portion of a vehicle hood for protecting the vehicle hood, the hood protector region comprising:

(i) at least one flexible region for allowing ~~folding~~ bending of the hood protector region so that the vehicle shield device can be packaged in a container that is shorter than the full length of the vehicle shield device as it would be provided when mounted to a vehicle hood; and

(b) hood attachment region constructed for attaching the hood protector region to a vehicle hood, ~~the hood attachment region comprising:~~

~~(i) — first hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attaching to a left side of a vehicle hood; and~~

~~(ii) — second hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attachment to a right side of a vehicle hood ;~~
and

bending the hood protector region about the flexible region to provide the vehicle shield device in a folded configuration.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of:

(a) using a fastener to hold the vehicle shield in ~~[[a]]~~ the folded configuration.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 13, wherein the fastener comprises adhesive tape.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of:

(a) placing the vehicle shield device in a folded configuration into a container for shipment.

16. (NEW) A method according to claim 12, wherein the hood protector region and the hood attachment region comprise a molded and continuous plastic sheet.

17. (NEW) A method according to claim 16, wherein the plastic sheet comprises a polycarbonate polymer composition.

18. (NEW) A method according to claim 16, wherein the plastic sheet has a thickness of between about 0.070 inch and about 0.150 inch.

19. (NEW) A method according to claim 12, wherein the vehicle shield does not include a hood attachment flange within the flexible region.

20. (NEW) A method according to claim 12, wherein the hood attachment region comprises:

(i) first hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attaching to the left side of the vehicle hood;

(ii) second hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attachment to a right side of a vehicle hood.